

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is the Director of Agriculture competent to conduct such investigations with the help of subordinates?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): In a way, he is competent.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Does he possess the necessary expert knowledge?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): There are degrees of knowledge.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): But is it sufficient for practical purposes?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): It will go some way. Mr. Narayana Aiyar's knowledge may not also go all the way.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): All that I wanted to know is whether his knowledge is sufficient for practical purposes?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes, to some extent.

Disposal of Complaints against Government Officers.

23. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Are not the Government aware, from representations in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council and other sources, that there is a wide-spread feeling among the people that, under the present circumstances, superior Government officers are too sympathetic towards their subordinate officers in the latter's misdeeds and derelictions of duty towards the public to be able to deal justly with the departmental complaints of the people against misdeeds and corruption on the part of high grade Government officers?

(b) Will the Government be pleased, in view of the fact referred to in part (a), to make arrangements for associating some representatives of the people also in all enquiries regarding serious complaints by the members of the public against Government officers holding appointments carrying a pay of Rs. 50 or more per mensem?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*)

(a) The Government are aware that there is some public uneasiness in the matter.

(b) The suggestion does not commend itself to Government.

Average Wealth of Communities.

24. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (a) Have the Government ascertained the average wealth of the different communities, including the sea-coast Christians, in the State?

(b) If so, will they be pleased to place on the table a comparative statement showing the same?